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Dear Air Board:

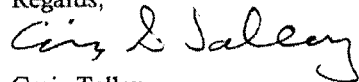
The Potomac River Generating Station has been a hot topic for quite sometime now. I'm writing to you today to show my concerns regarding this issue. A lot of people have been concerned about the environmental status of the power plant and it seems that some people would even love to see it shut down its operation. Ever since Mirant bought the power plant in 2001, they've been working to improve the plant so that it meets all state and federal regulations. Recently, Mirant discovered something else could be posing a health problem.

They discovered that the stacks on the plant do not meet modern plant heights. The simplest solution to this would be to raise the stacks, however, this cannot be done due to the nearby airport. Instead, Mirant has proposed a stack merge, which would shoot any dangerous chemicals far into the air, eliminating any danger to the citizens of the city. However, thus far, the City Council has blocked the permit needed to build the merge stacks.

I do not understand why the City Council wants this plant to shut down operation. This plant has been in the community for generations and it has brought electricity to millions of homes. I feel that the environmental issue is way overblown, but I understand Mirant wanting to meet all environmental standards. Closure of this plant will most likely result in blackouts. What are we suppose to do, run off batteries?

In closing, I ask that you help support Mirant by allowing them to access the permit that is needed to finish their renovations. The plant needs to be in operation so that it can continue bringing power to homes and money to the economy. Thank you.

Regards,



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